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Call for Nominations

Young Citizen of the Year
Willie W. Lightfoot Youth Advocate of the Year

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Dear Colleague:

For more than ten years, the Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau has worked with the Monroe County Legislature to identify and honor exceptional youth and youth advocates for their contributions to our community.

Each year, outstanding youth and adults have been nominated for consideration as award recipients. This year it is the intent of the President of the Monroe County Legislature, the Honorable Wayne E. Zyra, to personally announce and honor award recipients in three separate categories at the regular meeting of the Monroe County Legislature in June of 2004. The three categories will be: Finalists for Young Citizen of the Year for youth age 14 and under; Finalists for Young Citizen of the Year for youth age 15 to 21; and Finalists for Willie W. Lightfoot Youth Advocate of the Year for adults nominated for their efforts on behalf of young people in Monroe County.

Enclosed are two nomination forms requesting slightly different information for each award. I invite you to consider nominating candidates for any or all of the categories. Please feel free to copy the nomination forms and pass them along to others whom may know of deserving youth and adults for consideration.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Ms. Roseann Smith at the Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau at 292-8655. Please note that completed nomination forms must be **postmarked by March 31, 2004**. In past years we have received a significant number of nominations for young people that have been incomplete and/or illegible. Unfortunately, in those instances, deserving young people may not be fully considered for an honor that they deserve because the reviewing committee is unable to fully appreciate the basis for the nomination. We have, therefore, included in your package examples of past nominations that have received positive consideration by the review committee. We hope this will help you in deciding exactly what information should be submitted and in what level of detail.



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All nominees and nominators will be contacted by letter and notified of the results of the selection process. The top **Finalists** in each category will be invited to a formal proclamation ceremony at the Monroe County Legislature during their regularly scheduled meeting in June. All other nominees will receive a congratulatory letter.

Thank you for your continued interest in and support of the young people in our community. I look forward to reviewing the nominations submitted. Thanks for participating.

Sincerely,



Christina Dandino
Acting Executive Director
Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau

cc: Wayne Zyra
Bonnie Turner
Jeff McCann